

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 10-18, 22-28, 31 and 32 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 13 and 25 have been amended in response to Examiner's indication that they would be allowable if they recite the use of a multiplexer arrangement.

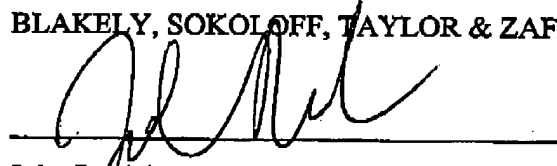
Claims 1-8, 13-20 and 25-29 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanapathippillai (Publication No. US 2003/0056134 A1). This rejection is moot due to the amended claims.

In summary, for the reasons noted above, Claims 1-6, 10-18, 22-28, 31 and 32 are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional charges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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